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To Whom it May Concern,

The proposed settlement accepted by 9 of the 18 states is a good settlement. I believe it is fair and in my best interest as a software consumer, computer user and business owner. I believe that the states that don't want to settle are being influenced by big business interest who want more than a level playing field. They want to tip the playing field their way and see this as a great opportunity to do just that. I do not believe for a minute that the states that refuse to settle do so in the best interest of their constituents much less consumers in general. I believe what they want will, in the end, hurt not only the consumer and the software industry but will hurt the economy in general at a time when the economy is in the depths of a recession. How much more do we the consumers have to put up with at the hands of big business and their political cronies?

Put an end to the abuse of industry and the legal system at the greedy hands of a few rich and powerful business men who want nothing more than to ELIMINATE one of their competitors; a result that can only be bad for the consumers.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my point of view on an issue that is very important.

Kindest Regards

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